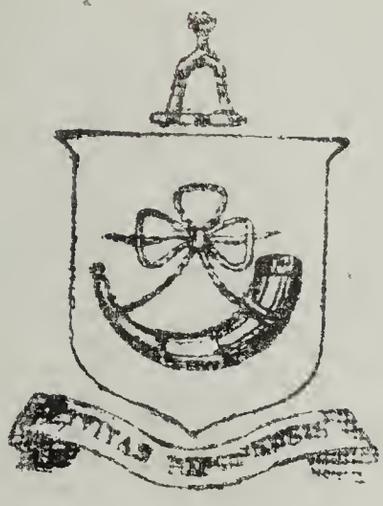

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Report of the Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE

Year ending 31st December, 1921.

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CITY OF RIPON.

Sanitary, Building & Housing Committee.

The Mayor

Chairman:

Mr. Alderman Newton.

Members:

Mr. Councillor Benson, Deputy Chairman,

Mr. Alderman Hargrave,

Mr Councillor Briscombe,

,, Lavin,

,, Hardcastle.

Medical Officer of Health Dr. W. D. Jefferson, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Sanitary and Housing Inspector J. H. Hill, cert. R.S.I

City of Ripon.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for the year ending 31st December, 1921.

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my eleventh Annual Report upon the vital statistics and sanitary condition of the City of Ripon for the year ending 31st December, 1921.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (acres)	1812
Population 1921	8310
Number of inhabited houses	2076
Number of families or separate occupier	
Rateable value	£44,293
Sum represented by a penny rate, ..	£157

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

	Total	Males	Females
Births—Legitimate ..	185	105	80
,, Illegitimate ..	20	7	13
Deaths	97	44	53

Birth Rate R.G., 22·26.

Death Rate, R.G.. 11·67.

Number of women dying in or in consequence of childbirth :

From sepsis .. .. .. none.

,, other causes 1

Deaths of infants under one year of age per 1000 births : Legitimate 53·66, illegitimate 9·75, total 63·41.

Deaths from Measles (all ages)	none
,, ,, Whooping Cough (all ages) ..	1
,, ,, Diarrhœa (under 2 years) ..	1

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	Males.	Females.
Whooping Cough	0	1
Influenza	1	3
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	3	6
Other tuberculous diseases ..	0	1
Cancer, malignant disease ..	7	7
Diabetes	1	0
Cerebral hæmorrage, &c. ..	1	4
Heart disease	8	3
Arterio-sclerosis .. .	1	0
Bronchitis	2	4
Pneumonia (all forms).. ..	1	3
Diarrhœa, &c. (under 2 years) ..	1	0
Appendicitis and typhlitis ..	1	0
Acute and chronic nephritis ..	2	4
Other accidents and diseases of pregnancy and parturition ..	0	1
Congenital debility and malformation, premature birth ..	4	2
Other deaths from violence ..	2	2
Other defined diseases.. ..	9	12

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

Disease	Total causes notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total deaths in age groups. 15	20	45	65	Total
Diphtheria ..	2	1					
Scarlet fever ..	12	12					
Enteric fever including paratyphoid..	1	1					
Puerperal fever .	0	0					
Pneumonia ..	0	0					
Other diseases ..	0	0					
Tuberculosis :							
(a) Pulmonary							
(Males) ..	3	0					
(Females) ..	5	0	1	2	4	1	8
(b) Non-pulmonary	0	0					

Three of these were notified.

There has not been any notified cases of Ophthulmia Neonatorum, and I am not aware of any cases in the district.

CAUSES OF SICKNESS.

There has not been any sickness in the district, specially noteworthy during the year.

NURSING ARRANGEMENTS, HOSPITALS, &c.

The private nursing in the district is generally undertaken by the Nursing Home.

The County Council have an arrangement with the Nursing Home for the supply of nurses for district visiting, and also for the control of a Child Welfare Organization, which is doing very good work.

The district visitors call upon expectant mothers and frequently visit the homes until the mother is quite well, when every effort is made to influence the parent to attend the Child Welfare Centre.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The Hospital for infectious diseases situated inside the district is under the control of the Joint Rural and City Councils.

The hospital is provided with an up-to-date steam disinfector and has a cab ambulance for the removal of patients.

SMALLPOX.

The hospital for smallpox is situated well out in the country, is a joint hospital, Rural and City, but is maintained by the City Council. Fortunately this hospital has not been required, but has on several occasions been used to isolate the early cases of measles in the hope of checking the disease at its first onset.

LABORATORY WORK.

All pathological and bacterial examinations are made at the County laboratory, and the present arrangements are highly satisfactory.

The issue of diphtheria antitoxin is supplied free to the local medical practitioners, and is used in nearly all such cases.

SANITARY CONVENIENCE.

The closet accommodation in the City is far from satisfactory.

The conveniences in the working class areas are on the conservancy system, mainly privy middens, without proper doors and coverings.

The work of conversion has been practically stopped, but efforts are again being made to require in all cases the provision of proper water closets in lieu of privies.

The Sanitary conveniences are as follows:—

Houses using water closets and dustbins ..	1201
,, ,, ,, ,, and fixed ashpits ..	137
,, ,, ,, ,, and privy middens..	74
,, ,, waste water closets and dust bins..	16
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, and fixed ashpits	34
,, ,, trough closets and dustbins ..	5
,, ,, ,, ,, and fixed ashpits ..	5
,, ,, pail closet and dustbins	185
,, ,, ,, ,, ashpit	1
,, ,, privy middens	470

During the past year 23 privy middens have been abolished and substituted by proper w.c.'s and dust bins.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health, Dr. W. D. Jefferson, part time.

Housing and Sanitary Inspector, J. H. Hill, Cert. R.S.I., whole time.

Meat Inspector, J. R. Simpson, M.R.C.V.S., part time.

HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year	1
1. Unfit dwelling houses	
Inspection—(1) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and reported under the housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910	40
(2) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	21

2. Remedy of Defects without Service of formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	4

3. Action under Statutory Powers.

Proceedings under section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1919	17
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	17
Proceedings under sections 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c. Act, 1909.	
(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders ..	*
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made ..	*
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling houses having been rendered fit	*
(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ..	*
(5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ..	*

* Cannot make use of these sections on account of scarcity of houses.

I have attended the meetings of the Sanitary Committee, and have, when required, given advice on matters affecting the public Health.

I have the honour to remain gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. D. JEFFERSON,

Medical Officer of Health.

CITY OF RIPON.

INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES' ANNUAL REPORT for the year 1921.

Town Hall, Ripon,
January, 1922.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE SANITARY COMMITTEE.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting to you my tenth annual report, giving as far as possible a summary of works carried out, under the Public Health Acts, Housing Acts, and the various Acts connected therewith.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.

At the beginning of the year, 1921, there were 23 nuisances outstanding. Nine of them have been satisfactorily dealt with and are included in this year's work.

During the year 292 nuisances have been registered and the following list gives a summary of the work carried out to abate the nuisances :—

Sanitary Conveniences :	Number.
Privy middens and ashpits abolished	23
Water closets provided in lieu of privies ..	23
Dry ashpits abolished	4
Galvanised iron dust bins provided in lieu of privies and ashpits	27
Pail closets abolished	1
W.C. in lieu of pail closet	1
Waste water closet abolished..	2
Proper w.c. provided in lieu of above . ..	2
New dust bins provided in lieu of defective ..	43
Waste water closets opened out and cleansed ..	12
New pans provided to pan closets	14

Sanitary Conveniences—continued.	Number.
Structural repairs to conveniences	2
Additional w.c.'s provided	1
Water closets or fittings repaired	16
Dirty sanitary conveniences cleansed	6
Drains:	
House drains tested..	42
House drains entirely relaid	23
Inspection chambers provided	16
New ventilating pipes provided	6
House drains repaired	10
Blocked drains opened and cleansed	41
House drains connected to sewer	6
Gully traps provided in lieu of dipstone ..	3
Rain water pipes disconnected from drains ..	3
Inspection chamber covers renewed	1
Eaves' spouting repaired or renewed	17
Rain water pipes repaired or renewed ..	10
Sink waste pipes repaired or renewed ..	4
Yards paved with concrete	6
Dirty yards cleansed	3
Manure and other accumulations removed	5
Animals, nuisance from	3
Ice cream vendors' dirty premises ..	1
Reported to other departments	5

In connection with the above, 87 preliminary and 26 formal notices have been served.

HOUSING ACTS.

During the year 40 houses have been inspected under the Housing of District Regulations, 1910, but it is very difficult to do what is necessary, owing to the scarcity of houses.

There are many houses which are tested for condemnation or re-construction, but it is impossible to deal with them until other accommodation is provided for the tenants. At the present time condemned houses and lock-up shops are occupied as dwellings. The latter are quite unsuitable, containing only one living room and one bedroom. They back on to other premises and are without proper drainage, cooking and washing facilities. The ventilation is inadequate as the houses open into a closed arcade.

The defects found during inspection are as follows :—

Houses found to be unfit for human habitation ..	2
Re-construction or addition necessary	9
Roofs dangerous	2
Eaves' Spouting defective	9
Rain water pipes defective	7
Rain water pipes acting as ventilators.. ..	30
Yard paving defective	9
Yard gates	6
Sanitary conveniences, defective	5
Floors defective	14
Windows defective	4
Fireplaces	6
Window cords broken	5
Damp walls	5
Plaster of walls	4
Miscellaneous	5

The owners attention has been called to the above defects by 21 preliminary notices. In four cases the work has been carried out, and in eight instances the work has been partially completed. I am authorised to serve formal notices, Section 28, 1919, Housing Act, upon defaulters to complete necessary works.

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

During the past year 24 samples of food and drugs have been submitted for analysis as follows :—

Sample	Formal	Informal	Adulerated
Milk	8	0	2
Jam	0	2	1
Arrowroot ..	0	1	0
Coffee	0	2	0
Lard	0	2	0
Oatmeal	0	2	0
Butter	0	2	0
Margarine	0	1	0
Ground Almonds ..	0	1	0
Liquorice Powder ..	0	1	0
Cocoa	0	1	0
Potted Meat ..	0	1	0

WORKSHOPS.

Premises.	Number.	Inspections.
Bakehouses	12	30
Boot and shoe repairers	11	
Basket makers	2	
Cabinet makers and joiners	10	
Dress and mantle makers	8	
Laundries	3	
Millinery	7	
Motor repairers	5	
Monumental masons	2	54
Printers	5	
Plumbers	6	
Rope and twine	1	
Shoeing smiths	5	
Saddlers	4	
Saddle tree makers	1	
Tailors	8	
Wheelwrights	2	
	92	84

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

There are 14 slaughter houses in the City, and of these 5 are licensed, the remainder being registered.

The premises and slaughtered animals are subject to regular inspection by J. R. Simpson, Esq., M.R.C.V.S., Meat Inspector for the City.

DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.

The dairies and cowsheds in the City are on the whole good. There are 14 cowkeepers controlling 22 cowsheds ; twelve of the cowkeepers purvey their own milk in the district, and in addition there are 17 purveyors who purchase their supplies from outside the City area.

The premises are inspected twice a year.

I remain gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. H. HILL,

Inspector of Nuisances.